STATE of MONTANA

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

PREFACE

The State of Montana and its political subdivisions are confronted with numerous emergency and disaster situations each year. Many of these situations are of the magnitude that federal assistance is required through the President's Disaster Fund.

State Government is required by law to administer all federal emergency and disaster recovery assistance for state and local government entities, authorized under Public Law 93-288, as amended. In addition, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires the state to maintain a Public Assistance Administrative Plan for administering the Public Assistance and the Fire Management Assistance Grant Programs.

Therefore, Montana Disaster and Emergency Services has prepared the "State of Montana, Public Assistance Administrative Plan", as required by 44 CFR 206.207, to assure that Montana is prepared, at all times, to coordinate and administer the Public Assistance and the Fire Management Assistance Grant Programs should it become necessary.

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